

## Civilian Conservation Corps

## PREPARE FOR YOUR HIKE

## CCC HIKE

Join our fictional CCC character, Baynesville Bill, on a tour of Westmoreland State Park CCC sites. He will share Civilian Conservation Corps stories with you based on first hand accounts.



Dam at Rock Spring Pond



Shelter



Fountain

BRING YOUR TRAIL MAP OR DOWNLOAD A WESTMORELAND STATE PARK GEO-REFERENCE MAP:

- Download the Avenza app from the Apple Store or Google Play Store.
- Click the link for the park you want visit below to download the Avenza map. If you need help finding a park, visit our Find a Park list.
- Click on the park's link and select Park trail guide (on the left when using a computer, on mobile click About this park and then Park trail guide).
- You will see a link to the paper trail guide, Avenza map, and the geo-referenced PDF. Our maps are all free.
- The Avenza App is free as long as you download maps from their store or upload no more than four of your own.
- You can download all of the Virginia State Park maps from their store and use at no cost.
- See YouTube videos for help with Avenza from basic use to advanced.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER:



- Wear closed toed shoes.
- Bring water
- Pack sunscreen
- Wear weather appropriate clothing



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145 Cliff Rd  
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Camp Baynesville #287 in Westmoreland County Virginia

**CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS (CCC)**

The year was 1933 and our country was going through The Great Depression. The unemployment rate was at 25% which means a quarter of our population was out of work, croplands are failing and millions of families are going hungry. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt replaced Herbert Hoover as the President of the United States, and instituted programs aimed at helping our financially crippled nation during these trying times.

**THE DECISION TO GO:**

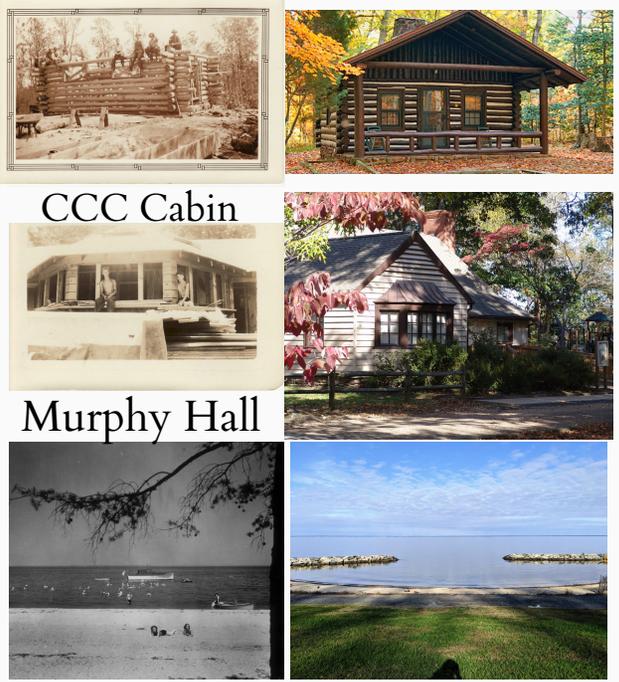
I have to admit, I was having second thoughts about the decision to leave. What did I know about building and conserving our natural resources? What I did know is that I'll be making \$30 per month and \$25 of that would be sent home to Mother. This can easily feed them for a whole month, not fine dining, but they would now survive. I could keep \$5.00 for myself and considering my room and board was covered, this meant I could spend it on whatever I pleased.

Trail	Blaze	Mileage	Usage	Difficulty	Access
Beach	Yellow	0.4	H	●	
Beaver Dam	Yellow	0.5	H	●	
Big Meadow	Red	0.6	H	●	
Big Meadow	N/A	0.1	H	●	
Laurel Point	Orange	1.3	H	●	
River	White	0.2	H	●	
Rock Spring Pond	Green	0.6	H	●	A
Turkey Neck	Blue	2.3	H	●	
YCC	N/A	1.8	H, B	●	

H = Hiking B = Biking E = Equestrian A = Handicap Accessible  
 ● = Easy ■ = Moderate ◆ = Difficult

**CCC Hike Route 2.5 miles**

**THE CCC AT WESTMORELAND STATE PARK- then and now.**



CCC Cabin

Murphy Hall

Day Use Beach

- Begin at the Laurel Point Trailhead by the Boat Launch. The Laurel Point Trail was cleared by the men of the CCC.
- Head south on Laurel Point Trail. Take a left onto the spur toward the cabins. Stop by to notice the hand hewn logs and craftsmanship.
- Return to Laurel Point Trail and continue south until you come to Rock Spring Pond. Here you will see the ruins of the pumphouse! This pond was dammed to provide water to the camp.
- Continue on the Laurel Point Trail. until you reach the main road. Cross the road to the YCC trail. Turn and walk to your right. Take a moment to see the fountain built by the CCC to welcome visitors to the park.
- Turn back on the YCC Trail to head north toward the river. On your right, where Campground C is today, was Camp Baynesville.
- You will now be approaching Murphy Hall. This building was the dining hall for visitors and still operates today as an event and conference center.
- Take a left to follow the Beach Trail. Continue to the Beach. Turn right (east) to see Shelter 1, built by the young men of the CCC .
- Turn back west to return to the Picnic Area Parking Lot, near where you began, to end your hike.

**THE CCC EXPERIENCE:**

We were a group of around 150-200 young men and our projects and tasks varied from driving trucks, cutting trees, building roads, grading banks, building cabins and a bath house, planting and transplanting trees, and anything else that needed to be done. If you're late for roll call in the morning, you'll also get assigned KP duty that evening. Each weekday from 8am until 4 pm, crews of us headed out to work, and except for a couple of bulldozers that we got later on in the project, everything was built with lots of elbow grease, using axes, picks, shovels, and cross cut saws.

The camp was run by the military. We had PT every week day! There was much discipline, Because of this, we were referred to as "Roosevelts Forest Army." We were also called the "Dollar a Day Boys," but who cares what they called us, just don't call me late for dinner! We ate three meals a day. The farmers of Westmoreland County grow their own fresh vegetables! We never had fresh vegetables like that in the city during the 1930s.

**WE WORKED HARD, BUT WE DID HAVE SOME FUN:**

We boxed and played baseball against other camps. We enjoyed snowball fights when we got snow, and had some down time on the weekends.



Barracks



OUR GREATEST PRIMARY TASK IS TO PUT PEOPLE TO WORK. THIS IS NO UNSOLVABLE PROBLEM IF WE FACE IT WISELY AND COURAGEOUSLY. IT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IN PART BY DIRECT RECRUITING BY THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF, TREATING THE TASK AS WE WOULD TREAT THE EMERGENCY OF A WAR, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THROUGH THIS EMPLOYMENT, ACCOMPLISHING GREATLY NEEDED PROJECTS TO STIMULATE AND REORGANIZE THE USE OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES.

PRESIDENT FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT, INAUGURAL ADDRESS, MARCH 4, 1933